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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 10/28/97, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, lines 1-2, in the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION," after "Patent 5,406,263" please insert: -; which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 07/921,037 filed 7/27/92, now abandoned.

In the Claims

Please insert the following new claim 46:

46. For an apparatus having an aperture which is selectably closed and opened by moving first and second closure members together and apart, respectively, an improved security device for detecting whether the aperture is opened, comprising:
an electrical device, mounted on the apparatus adjacent the aperture, for detecting whether the aperture is open or closed, wherein the electrical device includes:
first and second electrical contacts mounted on the first closure member, and
a third electrical contact mounted on the second closure member at a position such that,

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